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A strong op-ed in the Anchorage Daily News refutes the Pebble Partnership's repeated contention that it has "no mine plan." Writers Lindsey Bloom and Brian Kraft detail Pebble's multiple plans filed with state and federal regulators, including a substantial [report filed with the SEC](#) and a lengthy state water permit application to draw water from surrounding rivers and streams.

An excerpt reads: "Mine plans for Pebble exist. The facts prove it. Pebble will kick and scream about it, but these plans show sufficient information about the location, size and geochemical makeup of the deposit, water use, power needs, waste, etc. to have an honest conversation about the impacts of large-scale mining on Bristol Bay and the tens of thousands of jobs generated by Bristol Bay's salmon resource."

The state of Alaska has certified the "Bristol Bay Forever" citizens' initiative, giving organizers nearly a year to gather enough signatures to put the measure on a statewide ballot. The initiative aims to protect wild salmon from any new, large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay Region by requiring the state to restrict projects that would be harmful to the salmon fishery.

Bristol Bay residents expressed disappointment that the state's recent changes to the Bristol Bay Area Plan don't offer enough protection of wildlife, subsistence and public use of wild fish and game. The Department of Natural Resource's proposed changes come after the state lost a lawsuit over its management plans for the state land, which were changed to favor mining with little input from local residents.

Pebble partner Anglo American announced Mark Cutifani as its new CEO. Cutifani takes the helm at a tumultuous time for the company, but Bristol Bay residents are still waiting to see what his approach to Pebble will be. Despite promises to not go where they're not wanted, Anglo American's last CEO pressed on in Bristol Bay in the face of more than 80% opposition to the project.

Lastly, actor Robert Redford is calling for the Obama Administration to use its power under the Clean Water Act to protect the natural resources, jobs, commercial fishery and subsistence harvests of Bristol Bay.

In the Huffington Post, Redford asks Americans to sign a petition to President Obama, writing, "Now, a long-awaited study by the Environmental Protection Agency has confirmed that the Pebble Mine -- along with its estimated 10 billion tons of mining waste -- would spell disaster for Bristol Bay, its legendary salmon runs, its pristine environment and its people."

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Compass: No matter the details, Pebble has a mine plan

Lindsay Bloom and Brian Kraft

Anchorage Daily News

If there's one thing politicians have in common, it's the abiding faith that if they say something over and over again, that it will become true (at least in terms of public perception). So it's no wonder that the Pebble Partnership -- stocked with former pols and bureaucrats -- have spent millions of dollars on advertising and lobbying to convince us that -- wait for it -- there is no plan to mine in Bristol Bay... [Click here to read more](#)

State releases draft of amended Bristol Bay land use plan

Elwood Brehmer

Alaska Journal of Commerce

Groups opposing Pebble Mine are not happy with an amended 2005 Bristol Bay Area Plan released Jan. 4 by the Department of Natural Resources. The amended land use plan is the result of a 2009 joint lawsuit filed in state court by Trout Unlimited, the Alaska Independent Fisherman's Marketing Association and five Bristol Bay area village and tribal councils against the Department of Natural Resources, or DNR... [Click here to read more](#)

Residents critical of changes to state's Bristol Bay management plan

Hannah Heimbuch

Alaska Dispatch

Less than a week ago, the state's Department of Natural Resources released the proposed amendments to its management plan for Bristol Bay's state-owned lands. Initial review of these proposed changes has some residents concerned that the revised plan doesn't offer enough protection of wildlife, subsistence and public use of wild fish and game... [Click here to read more](#)

It's Time to Stop the Pebble Mine

Robert Redford

The Huffington Post

Since 2010, I have fought alongside the Natural Resources Defense Council to stop the Pebble Mine -- a colossal open-pit copper-and-gold mine that a consortium of global mining giants want to gouge out of the spectacular untamed wilderness above Alaska's Bristol Bay. Nothing like this place exists anywhere else on Earth... [Click here to read more](#)

Video Hatch: "Bristol Bay Treasure"

Erin Block
MidCurrent

From the Renewable Resources Foundation comes this film short, featuring the unique ecosystem and what's at stake in Bristol Bay... [Click here to watch](#)

Year in Review: Bristol Bay

Hannah Heimbuch
The Bristol Bay Times

Another 12 months have come and gone, and once again Alaskans are nestled in the bustle of the holidays, fast approaching the New Year. Looking back on 2012, there's been plenty to talk about in the Bristol Bay region. Though perhaps nothing so frequently discussed as the looming possibility of Pebble Mine... [Click here to read more](#)

Treadwell backs citizen initiative to protect bay

Hannah Heimbuch
The Bristol Bay Times

Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell certified the Bristol Bay Forever citizens initiative this week. The initiative aims to protect wild salmon from any new, large-scale mineral mining in the Bristol Bay Region. It asks the state to restrict such projects that would have a potential effect on the salmon fishery... [Click here to read more](#)

Keystone's Pebble panels online

Staff
The Bristol Bay Times

The science panels convened in October to review the Pebble Partnership's environmental and socioeconomic baseline studies are now viewable online. The Keystone Center's website also includes the Powerpoint presentations given by Pebble consultants and panel members and the results of a follow-up survey of people who registered for the panels... [Click here to read more](#)

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